

Report of the Better Care Fund of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 13th June 2023

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Subject:

UPDATE ON THE BETTER CARE FUND PLANS FOR 2023-25

Summary statement:

1. To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of how the Better Care Fund is being used for 2023-25 and seek approval of its contents
2. To provide assurance that the Better Care Fund Plan is compliant with the National Policy and Planning requirement for 2023-25

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

The BCF is strongly underpinned with the ambition to tackle inequalities and promote the aims of the District Plan which include upholding the District's Equality objectives.

The BCF has set tackling inequality in health, wellbeing, outcomes, and access as the shared purpose because less equal societies fare worse than more equal ones, across everything from education to life expectancy. Health inequalities can only be mitigated through working in partnership, developing new integrated service offers between health and care at every interface that reflect the fundamentally changing nature of our population in coming years.

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1. SUMMARY

This year's Better Care Fund (BCF) is a 2-year plan (2023-25), and the guidance includes changes to the national's conditions and the key metrics.

Draft plans (planning template and narrative) are to be submitted at West Yorkshire (WY) level to the locality BCF team on the 19th May, with final plans by the 28th June.

The BCF should be a jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners, signed off by the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB), which implements the 2 BCF policy objectives whilst maintaining the NHS contribution to adult social care (in line with the uplift to NHS minimum contribution), and investment in NHS commissioned out of hospital services.

The two core policy objectives are:

- Enabling people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer; and
- Providing the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

All funding contributions for our BCF have been agreed by HWB areas and minimum contributions are pooled in a Section 75 agreement (as detailed in the NHS Act 2006). The NHS contribution to social care from the Integrated Care Board (Bradford District & Craven) ICB is agreed and meets or exceeds the minimum expectation.

The BCF funds a range of schemes which continue to support delivery of the two core objectives for our health and social care system and has 3 main priorities for 2023-25:

- Reviewing the recommendations from in the intermediate care review;
- Aligning our resources to optimise our services – this includes identifying overlaps in services and being creative to meet the demand on services; and
- Establishing future use of the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund (£6.6m for 2023/24 and £10.8m for 2024/25) - a plan has been established to maintain our social services that support discharge (enablement and home support).

The overall BCF plan is built on 4 budget streams

- Better Care Fund (BCF) - £46.8m
- Improved BCF (iBCF) - £23.4m
- Adult Social Care Discharge Fund (ASC DF) - £6.5m
- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) - £5.1m

This equates to just under £82m, which is 12% above the 2022/23 position. Finance leads in both organisations have agreed on this spend and have worked together to align the BCF to be more transparent and reflect our actual spend across the different scheme types. The 2024/25 spend (including the increased discharge fund) will be reviewed and updated in Q3 where we are expected to submit a new report on any changes to our plan for year 2. All services have estimated their uplifts for 2024/25 and this has been accounted for in the planning template.

Key changes on the BCF finances include:

- Uplifts across all of our existing services – includes enhancements such as

increased staffing in BEST, upskilling our workforce across all service areas, therapy and social work input for in-house residential beds (pathway 2), increased assistive TEC offer, developments in Urgent Community Response services such as Virtual Ward, Rapid Response and Trust Care: Fall Response service. We also have other key services such as MAST, MAIDT, Wellbeing Hubs, Support for Carers, Direct Payments and joint commissioning posts that have all been uplifted over the next 2 years to continue in supporting people.

- Aligned finances – summary now reflects the actual BCF spend (previous year's submission reflected the historic position and had not been reviewed)
- Further investment in our home support and enablement services through the discharge fund (£3.3m LA and £2.8m of the ICB £3.3m). Remainder allocated to Pathway 3 nursing care homes (£460k) and North Yorkshire Council (£120k)

The BCF areas of spend continues to comply with all requirements of the BCF Planning guidance.

New expenditure planning requirements for 2023/24 include expected outputs for NHS and Local Authority (LA) activity against the spend and overall % of spend across the HWB area to understand what difference the BCF is making.

We are measured against a number of metrics relating to the 2 policy objectives, with initial plans required for the following for 2023/24:

- Admissions to residential and care homes;
- Unplanned admissions for ambulatory sensitive chronic conditions;
- Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people over 65;
- Older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement or rehabilitation services; and
- Discharge to usual place of residence

All plans commit to either maintaining or improving current delivery.

A capacity and demand plan for 2023/24 has been included in the planning template. Further work is needed to understand the full extent of demand & capacity across all services.

Where appropriate, the BCF plan aligns with the Bradford District & Carven operational plan.

Prior to our final plan being presented at the HWB in June, the BCF is being discussed at a range of our Health & Care Partnership governance meetings.

2. BACKGROUND

Appendix A is a copy of Bradford District's submission to the Better Care Fund. The Better Care fund was introduced in 2015 and requires Local Authorities and the NHS to enter into pooled budget arrangements and develop a joint spending plan.

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The plan was discussed in detail at the Planning and Commissioning Forum and was assured by the following groups/committees within Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership:

- Partnership Leadership Team on 10th May 2023
- Healthy Communities Board on 18th May 2023
- System Finance and Performance Committee on 25th May 2023
- Partnership Leadership Executive on 26th May 2023
- Partnership Board on 9th June 2023

Targets for the national conditions have been agreed by the partnership as part of the planning process. This year's BCF plans ensured there was appropriate representation and involvement from health, local authority, housing, social care providers and VCSE colleagues to contribute to the approval of the plans, ready to be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The appendix documents provide a comprehensive overview of the District's BCF submission and narrative.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Please refer to the appendix documents.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Financial requirement is detailed within the body of the appendix documents.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The governance for the BCF is provided by Health and Wellbeing board. Further governance for the BCF is provided by the Partnership Leadership Executive. The BCF yearend report will be discussed at the Partnership Leadership Executive on 26th May 2023.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

The Health and Care Act 2022 required the establishment of integrated care boards (ICBs) and the creation of integrated care partnerships (ICPs). Integrated care partnerships bring together health, social care public health and wider voluntary, community, and social enterprise representatives.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

No Direct implications

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

No Direct implications

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

No Direct implications

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No Direct implications

7.5 TRADE UNION

No Direct implications

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

No Direct implications

**7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

N/A

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

N/A

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

N/A

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

No Options Provided

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Bradford District's BCF submission for 2023-25 to be noted and approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. Delegate authority to the chair to sign off the BCF 23-25 plans after the recommendations from the BCF assurance panel have been actioned.

11. APPENDICES

1. BCF Narrative 2022/23 - This document details each aspect of the BCF plan 2022/23



BCF 23-25 Narrative
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2. BCF Expenditure plan 2022/23 – This document breaks down the areas which the BCF is being spent on.



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12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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